



Iconic species project

Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata*



Conservation status

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW): Endangered

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Australia): Vulnerable

National recovery plan

The *National recovery plan for malleefowl* *Leipoa ocellata* (Benshemesh J, 2007) generated a high level of community interest. Its objectives are to:

- secure existing populations across the species' range
- achieve de-listing of malleefowl under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act within 20 years.

Actions being undertaken in 2012–15 under *Saving our Species*

- Control foxes using targeted baiting technology in national parks and on private lands where malleefowl occur.
- Investigate fecundity in isolated or small malleefowl populations to aid assessment and management of long-term population viability.
- Provide new data collection tools to aid monitoring of pest control actions and pest activity; this information will allow the success of actions to be measured and feed directly into adaptive management.
- Use motion-triggered cameras to monitor malleefowl populations to allow nest activity to be assessed and potential threats to be identified and managed.
- Provide fox control support to landholders with malleefowl populations.

Actions already under way

- Developing the National Malleefowl Database.
- Developing an adaptive management approach.
- Researching malleefowl population diversity and genetics.
- Implementing predator control programs.
- Implementing appropriate fire regimes on malleefowl habitat.
- Surveying malleefowl populations.
- Community education and information.

Key project partners

Central West Livestock Health and Pest Authority, Western Catchment Management Authority and Western Local Land Services

More information

The national recovery plan is available at www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/recovery/malleefowl/

See the species profile at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10459

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